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Concerning Bishops :

With M^r. SELDENS

ANSWER.

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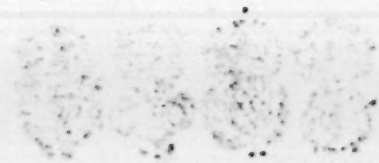
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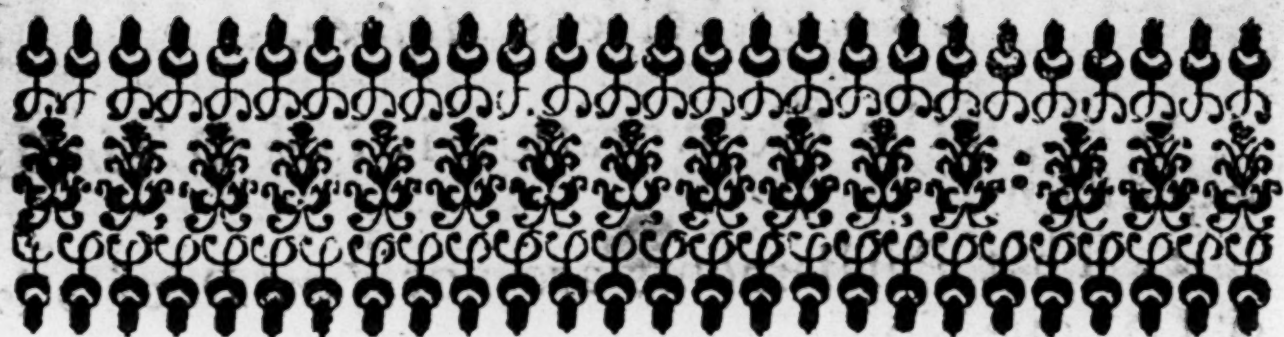
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Master
GRIMSTONS
Argument,
Concerning
BISHOPS.

1. **T**hat Bishops are *Jure Divino* is a question.

2. That Arch-bishops are not *Jure Divino* is out of question.

3. That Ministers are *Jure Divino* there is no question.

Now if Bishops which are questioned whether *Jure Divino*, and Arch-bishops which out of question are not *Jure Divino*, should suspend Ministers that are *Jure Divino*, I leave it to you *Master Speaker*.

Masters Seldens Answer.

1. That the Convocation is *Iure Divino* a question.
2. That Parliaments are not *Iure Divino* is out of question.
3. That Religion is *Iure Divino* there is no question.

Now *Master Speaker*, that the Convocation which is questioned whether *Iure Divino*, and Parliaments which out of question are not *Iure Divino*, should meddle with Religion, which questionlesse is *Iure Divino*, I leave to you *Master Speaker*.

Master Grimstons Reply.

But Arch-Bishops are no Bishops.

Master Seldens Answer.

That's no otherwise true then that the *Judges* are not *Lawers*, and *Aldermen* are not *Citizens*.

*Severall Orders concerning Church
Government.*

1. Every severall Shiere of *England* and *wales* to be a severall circuit or Diocesse for the Ecclesiastick Jurisdiction excepting *Yorkshire*, which is to be divided into three.

2. A constant Presbitry of twelve choice Divines, to be selected in every Shiere or Dioceffe.

3. A constant President to be established as a Bishop over this Presbitry.

4. This Bishop in each Dioceffe to ordaine, suspend, deprive, degrade, and excommunicate by and with the consent and assistance of seven Divines of his Presbitry, then present, and not else.

5. The times of Ordination throughout the Land to be foure times in the yeere, viz. 1. May, 1. August, 1. November, 1. February.

6. Every Bishop constantly to reside within his Dioceffe, in some one prime or chiefe city or towne within his Dioceffe as in particular.

7. Every Bishop to have one speciall particular congregation to be chosen out of the most convenient place for distance from his chiefe residence, and the richest in valew that may be had, where he shall duly preach, unlesse he be lawfully hindred, and then shall take care his Cure be wel supplied by another.

8. No Bishop shall remove, or be translated from the Bishopricke which he shall first undertake.

9. Upon every death, or other avoydance of a Bishop, the King to grant a *Conge De Cleire* to the

the whole Clergy of the whole Diocesse, and they to present three of the Presbitry aforesaid, and the King to choose and nominate whom he pleaseth of them.

10. The first Presbiters of every Shiere to be named by the Parliament, and afterwards upon the death or other avoydance of any presbyter, the remaining presbiters to choose one other out of the parish Ministers of that Shiere, and this to be done within one moneth next after such death or avoydance.

11. No Bishop or Clergy man to exercise or have any temporal office, or secular imploiment but onely for the present to hold and keepe the probate of Wils, untill the Parliament shall otherwise resolve.

12. The Bishop once a yeare (*at Midsomer*) to summon a Diocesan Synod, there to heare, and (by general Vote) to determine all such matters of scandall in life, and Doctrines amongst Clergy men, as shall be presented unto them.

13. Every three yeares a Nationall Synod to be, which (for persons) shall consist of all the Bishops in the Land, and of two Presbyters to be chosen by the rest out of each presbitry, and of two Clerkes to be chosen out of every Diocesse by the Clergy thereof.

14. This Nationall Synod to make and ordaine

daine Canons, for the government of the Church
bnt they not to binde untill they be confirmed by
Parliament.

15. Every Bishop to have over and above the
Benefice aforesaid, a certaine constant Rent al-
lowed, and allotted proportionall to the Dio-
cesse wherein hee is to Officiate. That is to
say —

16. Every Presbiter to have a constant yeere-
ly profit above his Benefice.

*As for the Revenue of the Bishops, Deanes, and
Chapters, &c. a strict survey to be taken of all their
Rents and Profits, and the same to be presented at
the beginning of our next convention, and in the
meane time no Lease to be renewed, nor timber to
be felled.*

FINIS.
